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(54) Tubular cutting tool

(57) A tubular cutting tool includes two or more sets of electrically actuated retractable anchoring legs (52,54) mounted at longitudinally spaced apart locations and an electrically driven rotary cutting head (14) with a retractable cutting blade (14). The anchoring legs can be arranged such that they are capable of compensating for variations in the internal radii of the tubular to be cut, thereby ensuring that the cutting tool is clamped rigidly in position.

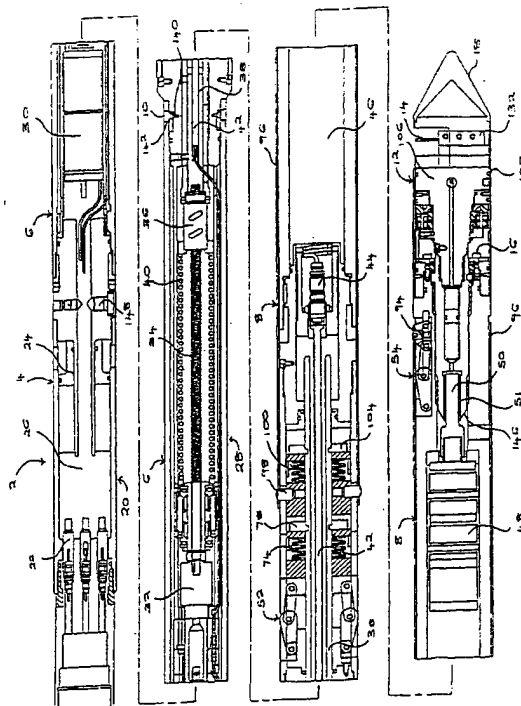


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